

Report of the Recreation Department

The mission of the Moultonborough Recreation Department is: “To provide high quality programs and facilities that offer a range of healthy recreational and leisure activities to the Moultonborough community.” In 2011 we have accomplished this by: offering quality programs, events and experiences for a variety of ages; working towards maintaining and improving recreation facilities; collaborating with different organizations, agencies and individuals; hiring, training, supervising and evaluating the best possible staff and volunteers and being dedicated to the recreation profession and the town of Moultonborough

Recreation Programs and events offered in 2011 are as follows: (Participant numbers are shown next to the program or event listed).

Programs, Events and Trips geared to adults and senior adults: Boston Flower Show – 37, King Arthur Flour and Saint Gauden’s National Historic Site – 41, Salem Witch Museum and Peabody Essex Museum - 23 (Salem and St. Gauden’s trips held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Library), Cabbage Island Clambake – 26, Community Resource Fair – 100+ and 30+ vendors – a cooperative effort with the Community Services Team. O.A.R. – Operation Active Recreation – 10, Gentle Yoga – 18, Tai Chi – 5; Zumba – 6, “Get Paid to Talk” – an Introduction to Voice Overs – 10, W.O.W – Woman of Words Workshop – 10, Edith’s Tourney – Adult Division – 20, Adult Softball League – 10 teams = approximately 180 players, Water Aerobics (summer) – varied, “Muscle Mommies” – 4, Walking Program – 10.

Family Special Events/Trips: Father – Daughter Spring Fling Dance – 46, Moultonborough Pathway Road Race – held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Pathway Association – 70 + 20 + volunteers, Annual Halloween Party – 275+ (children and adults), Family Water Carnival – 60+, Family Skating Party (cancelled due to weather), Globetrotters Trip – 41, Turn off the TV Night – 5 Families.

Teens and “Tweens”: After School Recreation Drop-In Program 45, average daily attendance 14, American Red Cross “Safe on My Own” Class – 7, American Red Cross “Babysitting Course” – 7, Morbid Mountain Halloween Trip – 42, Snow Tubing/Swimming trip – 13, Smitty’s Trip – 26, Ski Trip – cancelled.

Summer Programs: “Hot and Happy” – 10, Happy Campers Day Camp – 80, REcking Crew Day Camp – 122, Teen Adventure – 69, Tennis Lessons – 17, Swimming lessons – 70, Adapted Swim Lessons – 4, “Winnie Minnows” – 8, Speedy Swimmers – 5, Children’s Stage Adventures – 22, Challenger Soccer Camps – including First Kicks -

Youth Sports Programs/Events: Basketball – 128, T-Ball – 27, Softball 50 (Moultonborough children play baseball as part of the Lakes Region Cal Ripken Baseball League now separate from the Recreation Dept. therefore baseball numbers are not reported here.), Soccer – 128, Volleyball – 17, Hershey Track and Field – 24, Junior Division Edith’s Tourney – 3, “Nuttty November” – (approximately) 40 (adults and children), Pitch, Hit and Run Competition – 33, youth sport clinics – numbers vary.

Other Activities/lessons for children/youth: Kids Night Out -19, Skating Lessons – 23, Winter Bingo – 17, Greetings from the North Pole – 60, CATCH – 16, Kids on Stage – 8, “Artventures” - 4; Kidzercise – 15; Karate – 8, “Winter Days” – held in cooperation and conjunction with the Moultonborough Central School – over 200.

Recreation Advisory Board: The Recreation Advisory Board functions as a bridge between the community and the recreation dept. Appreciation for their time and commitment goes to board members Al Hume, Carla Taylor, Chris Shipp, Celeste Burns, Harry Blood and Morgan Gillis. The Recreation Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Moultonborough Recreation Dept.

Recreation Facilities: All Moultonborough Recreation Facilities – The Community Center, Moultonborough Recreation Area on Playground drive, including baseball and soccer fields, ice rink, tennis courts, basketball court and play areas, Long Island Beach, The Point at Long Island and the Moultonborough Pathway are all well used. States Landing Beach sees less use than its counterpart and guards are not assigned at that swimming area. Addressing the challenges to that area and the future of the facility are on the Rec. Dept.’s priority for the coming years. We look forward to working with public works and the Pathway Committee on Phase II corrections, and with other town agencies, committees and staff on other recreation facility improvements.

Committees and Collaborations: The Moultonborough Recreation Dept. continues to collaborate with other town departments, various organizations and serve on various committees including but not limited to: The Community Services Team, Moultonborough Taking Action, Moultonborough Pathway Association and Moultonborough Wellness Committee. Moultonborough Recreation personnel continue to maintain professional certifications and respond to the expectation of excellence and regularly attend workshops and trainings in order to offer the best in recreation services and stay current on standards, requirements, trends and issues in the recreation profession. Recreation staff members remain active in the parks and recreation movement at the state, regional and national level.

Appreciation: Thanks to our well over 100 volunteers who serve on boards, committees, coach, officiate, chaperone, supervise, instruct and help maintain facilities. Thanks to the Fire Dept. for foaming our fields and other assistance; to the Police Dept. for much assistance during the year; to the Public Works Dept. especially to Denny and Andy; to the Moultonborough Library, Visiting Nurse Service and Human Service Dept., Moultonborough-Sandwich Meals program for co-operative adult/senior programming efforts. A very special thanks to Moultonborough Schools and their personnel for many co-operative efforts, a strong town-school relationship and for use of their facilities. Thanks too to local businesses and organizations that sponsor our teams and events, to the Board of Selectmen for their support and recognition of the very important role that municipal recreation plays in our community’s health. Thanks go to our very energetic seasonal and part time staff members.

Changes and Thanks: The Recreation Dept. faced some big changes this year. In August, Recreation Activities Assistant, Kaitlin Sampson left her position to explore other career opportunities, and in December Assistant Recreation Director, Hilary Bride left her position and NH for a great career advancement and her “dream job” in Virginia. Thanks to both of these

young women for the incredible enthusiasm and dedication they brought to our department and community. Their contributions were many and they are both missed. A special thanks to Administrative Assistant Donna Tatro and Dan Sturgeon, interim Recreation Activities Assistant, for stepping up in a very big way to ensure the department's quality services continue.

Respectfully submitted by:

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